



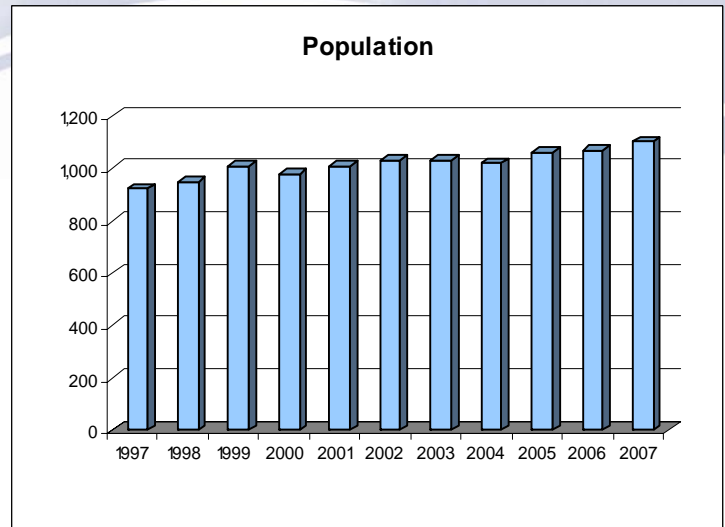
Camas County

October 2008

Work Force Trends

Population

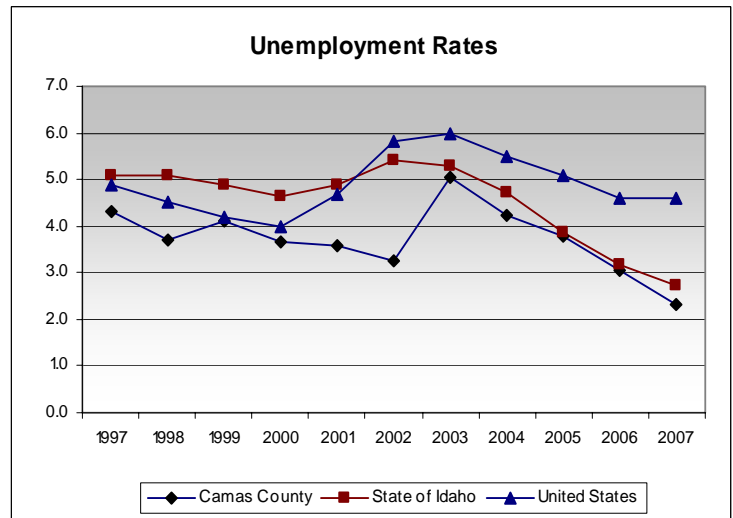
Camas County grew in population from 1997 to 2007 by 19 percent to an estimated 1,102. Population estimates topped 1,000 in 2001 and dipped slightly in 2005 by a percentage point. Camas County is the most sparsely populated county in Idaho, but contains some of the most beautiful and rugged scenery. With an elevation of 5,069 feet, Camas County has recreational opportunities galore such as fishing, hunting, skiing, snowmobiling, camping and golfing. Fairfield, the county seat and only major town, lies in the gateway of the rugged Soldier Mountain area. The distance from population centers have kept numbers of residents low, however, the outlook for growth over the next decade is sustainable and moderate.



Labor Force & Employment

Seasonally adjusted unemployment levels in Camas County have fluctuated over the last decade from a record low recently of 2.3 percent in 2007 to a high of 4.9 percent in 2003. The unemployment rates have wide swings as the civilian labor force is so small that minor adjustments translate into large percentage changes.

Most workers in Camas County are either in government, education, agriculture or trade. There is a smattering of workers that commute to Blaine County for higher-wage jobs in landscaping and construction. Workers tend to be employed with the school district, in county government or by small retail stores and restaurants. In the winter, Soldier Mountain Ski Resort employs significant numbers of people solely for the ski season. Camas County also has high farm labor

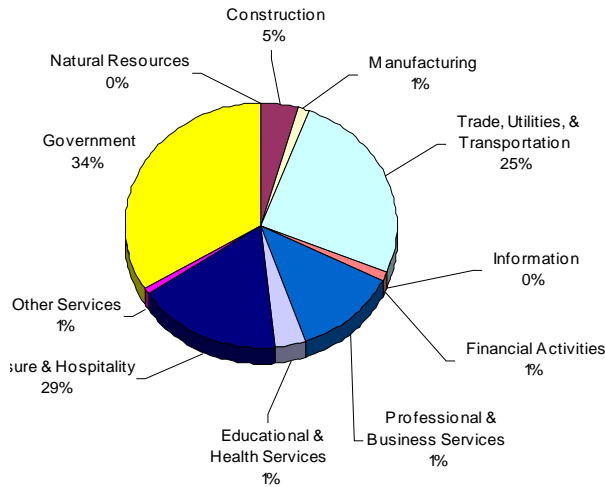


Labor Force	Sep 2007	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	599	614
Total Employment	584	588
Unemployed	15	25
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.4	4.1
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.7	5.0
U.S. % Unemployed	4.7	6.1

demands, with major crops consisting of hay, dry land wheat and barley. There is ranching activity on the Camas Prairie with beef cattle and sheep herding. The local economy has diversified with retail, transportation, manufacturing and service related jobs. The outlook for Camas County remains stable with some growth anticipated if the site of a new, regional airport is chosen closer to Fairfield.

Labor Force	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian Labor Force	439	410	412	538	563	578	564	574	617	631	628
Unemployment	19	15	17	20	20	19	28	24	23	19	15
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.3	3.7	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.3	5.0	4.2	3.8	3.1	2.3
Employment	420	395	395	519	543	559	535	549	594	612	613

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2007



Major Employers

Double G LLC
Ecolab Inc.
High Country Fusion
Kinco Corp
Soldier Mountain Enterprises
Wrangler Restaurant

Wages & Income

Per capita income in Camas County has grown by 40 percent over the last nine years from \$20,260 to \$28,421. Camas County remains lower than both the state and national average in per capita income, although it has grown steadily. Camas County ranks 8th out of Idaho's 44 counties in per capita income growth from 2005 to 2006 at 7.8 percent. High Country Fusion, a fabricator and distributor of HDPE (high density polyethylene pipe) is one of the largest and newest companies in the county, contributing to the economy greatly with average employment estimated at 40 workers.

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Elementary Teachers	\$16.17
Secondary Teachers	\$16.30
Teachers Aides	\$9.62
Bookkeepers	\$10.84
Cashiers	\$7.28
Construction labor	\$13.52
Landscapers	\$9.22

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.idaho.gov.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1997, 2006, & 2007	1997		2006		2007	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	280	\$14,565	401	\$27,953	421	\$26,705
Agriculture	14	\$23,830	49	\$29,042	54	\$28,655
Mining	*	*	*	*	0	\$0
Construction	10	\$18,840	11	\$29,839	17	\$22,779
Manufacturing	*	*	3	\$26,466	4	\$24,458
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	32	\$18,793	95	\$43,012	97	\$40,711
Information	*	*	*	*	0	\$0
Financial Activities	6	\$13,471	8	\$55,214	5	\$65,581
Professional and Business Services	*	*	40	\$17,462	47	\$20,006
Educational and Health Services	*	*	12	\$9,569	14	\$8,658
Leisure and Hospitality	103	\$7,719	62	\$8,618	66	\$8,823
Other Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Government	110	\$18,843	118	\$29,156	113	\$28,758

Per Capita Income	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Camas County	\$20,260	\$21,381	\$20,293	\$21,358	\$22,707	\$23,925	\$23,241	\$25,161	\$26,360	\$28,421
State of Idaho	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,077	\$25,024	\$25,221	\$25,524	\$27,361	\$28,301	\$29,920
United States	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,843	\$30,574	\$30,821	\$31,504	\$33,123	\$34,757	\$36,714

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